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In re Reissue Application of Hashem Akhavan-Tafti
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.115 AND STATEMENT OF
STATUS AND SUPPORT FOR CHANGES TO THE CLAIMS**

Sir:

This amendment forms a part of the original application for reissue of U.S. Patent 6,001,614 filed concurrently herewith and is expressly incorporated by reference into the application. After according the application a filing date and prior to the first Office Action, please amend the claims as follows:

In the Claims:

Amend Claims 1 and 23. Add new Claims 24-29.